

Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting begins at 7:30. Councilmember Bodily leads all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director), Dan Dukeman.

1. Review and approval of minutes. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look like they represent the meeting they attended last month. Councilmember Simper makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Bodily seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes.

2. Resident input. No comments from the public.

3. Alyna Ohling, CAPSA, Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation. Maddie Soto from CAPSA came in place of Alyna Ohling. October is domestic violence awareness month. CAPSA helped 13 clients and 44 crisis calls in Lewiston during the fiscal year 2022. Maddie provided the council with purple ribbons to wear in support of victims of domestic abuse.

4. Household Recycling Contract discussion and possible vote. Mayor Hall explains that he is a proponent of recycling when it makes economic sense. If the council elects to continue with the recycling program, Econo Waste with put together a proposal for it which is expected to be at \$14 per can, just like the trash. Councilmember Bodily motions to not participate in a recycling program for the first year of the change starting July 1, 2023. Councilmember Hyer seconds. Roll call vote results Councilmembers Bodily, Hyer, Morrison, and Simper in favor. Councilmember Westover votes no. Motion passes 4-1.

5. Household Solid Waste Contract discussion and possible vote. Mayor Hall reports that there has been a lot of discussion on this previously. Richmond is not going to accept any of the bids that came in from the joint RFP with them. Lewiston has received a bid from Econo Waste. It is Mayor Hall's proposal that Lewiston accepts their bid. It is \$14 per can. This bid, like all others in other municipalities, is just to empty the cans and take the refuse to the transfer station. There will be additional costs to then get the trash to the landfill. Approval tonight would mean that we accept their bid. And they will present a contract that we can give to Seth Tait for review. Councilmember Morrison motions to accept Econo Waste's bid. Councilmember Simper seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes.

6. Discussion on Commercial Solid Waste. Econo Waste did not bid on commercial waste pickup because they initially thought Logan was going to continue with that. Commercial waste

is anything other than 60 and 90-gallon cans. Mayor Hall would like to discuss this more next month and vote on it. There are currently about 49 commercial pickups.

7. Discussion on 2023 4th of July Rodeo and possible vote. Mayor Hall explains that the rodeo committee's recommendation is to have a 2-night rodeo again. The 4th of July is on a Tuesday, so the rodeo would be the preceding Monday and Saturday nights. Councilmember Bodily asks about having a junior rodeo on the 4th of July, including events such as calf-riding, calf-roping, and mutton-busting. Mayor Hall says we need to continue working to fill the void left by the rodeo not being on the 4th. Councilmember Hyer motions to approve the 2-night rodeo for the 2023 4th of July. Councilmember Westover seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Hall has asked Mary Simpson to get two new phones for the city. One will be used for the Venmo account. The second phone will be for an after-hours emergency contact. This phone will not take the place of 911. It will be for emergencies only, not to report a lost pet, or wondering if the ballroom is available for rent. It will be there for if water is running across the road or other such emergencies.

The property above our water tank in Cove was approved to be purchased by the council last year. This was never done. It is very important to have access to our water tank. At the Griffin Well, we need to add a small building onto it to house a new chlorination unit. We currently do not own any land on or around that well. We need to secure this land for many reasons.

The council has been provided with the certification of annexation from the City Recorder.

Tomorrow we will be having a pre-bid meeting for the water project. There are eleven people expected to attend this meeting so there are good expectations for many bids.

The Master Plan is being worked on by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Next Wednesday, October 26th, Mayor Hall will be attending another meeting to acquire sewer funding. We are still expecting \$1 million from Cache County from ARPA funds.

Mary Simpson will be retiring next October. We will be advertising to back-fill her job. Interviewing late November/ early December, hopefully starting at the beginning of the year. A temp employee cannot be hired for under \$20/hr.

Darwin Pitcher has been our representative on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District. He has agreed to serve another 4-year term. Mayor Hall motions to nominate Darwin Pitcher to serve on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District. Councilmember Morrison seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Nobody has been able to make contact with Cornish regarding the interlocal agreement for EMS and fire protection. We are still planning on moving forward with billing them, and Mayor Hall will continue to try to reach Mayor Leak of Cornish.

Lewiston City received a thank you card from Little Red with a check for \$1750. We also have confirmation that they will be back next year.

Using a random generator, the office was able to put in all the accounts that paid electronically for the months of August and September. The winners for the drawing as mentioned in the newsletter for August are Sid Karren, Tom Jensen, and Paul McKay. The September winners are Edward Vona and Ronald Hansen.

Councilmember Bodily reports that he has had a citizen complain about the drawing because they feel that by paying their bill with cash or check, they are subsidizing the drawing for those paying electronically. Mayor Hall explains that our auditor says we are 100 percent legal in this, and the auditor suggests that we should be charging a five or ten-dollar handling fee for cash or check payments because of the extra work those type of payments cause compared to electronic payments. Lewiston City is not penalizing those making cash or check payments, but rather incentivizing people to make electronic payments. Cash and check payments require manual handling and importing to the payer's account, readying deposits, and physically transporting those payments to the bank. Electronic payments require none of those things. Councilmember Bodily thinks it should all be the same whether paying by cash, check, or card. Mary Simpson reports that there was about a 20% increase in electronic payments.

9. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Due to complaints received by the Mayor, Councilmember Westover has collected some research about what a home would pay for ten thousand gallons of water in other municipalities. In Lewiston it is \$31.33. In North Logan it is a little over \$30 (unable to get an exact number). Richmond is \$62. Smithfield is \$34. For sewer Lewiston is \$48 for three thousand gallons. Richmond has a \$75 flat fee. Smithfield is currently at \$40 but in the process of changing to \$50. Next year they will go to \$55, and in two years it will be \$58. Lewiston is at or below the water and sewer rates of other cities, despite going through the upgrades and renovations. We do not have a choice in upgrading these facilities.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports that the Arts Council has planned to hold the Sweetheart Swing on February 11th. There has been some great discussion on the 4th of July, and we'll need to continue looking for a solution for trash pickup. Paul Swainston reports that \$200,000 for the cemetery would get an extension as the current available graves are selling. It would also provide a storage building for the mowers, a restroom, and a kiosk for a directory and map.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the Escape Room fundraiser is moving forward. The Mayor met with the fire chief Jake Johnson who said that they would need to man ladder from the roof so there would be an escape route out the window.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that Planning & Zoning has approved the first non-subdivision split of the second lot that recent code changes have allowed. This was for Nick Bowles. They expect to see more of those in the future. There has also been good discussion on the master plan, and they are looking for citizen input as they try to plan on growth and getting the right people in the right areas.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily is working with Kelly Field on a letter they can get to businesses to try and raise money by selling benches for the sports court as previously discussed. After offering to the businesses, they'll get it out to the citizens in the newsletter. The new brush truck is on the lot in Montpelier. There is still some paperwork to get filled out, so it comes through the fleet system for the State of Utah.

10. Adjourn. Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 15th, 2022.

Chris Ban
Lewiston City Recorder